

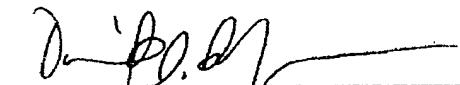
REMARKS

By the above amendments, claim 1 has been canceled and its subject matter incorporated into claim 2 which is now an independent claim. Furthermore, the dependencies of those claims that had previously been dependent from claim 1 have been amended so that those claims now depend from claim 2. In view of these actions and the Examiner's indication that claim 2 would be allowable if placed in independent form, this application should now be in condition for allowance and action to that effect is hereby requested.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Lastly, it is noted that a separate Extension of Time Petition accompanies this response along with a deposit account authorization for payment of the requisite extension of time fee. However, should that petition become separated from this Amendment, then this Amendment should be construed as containing such a petition and authorization for the required payment applied to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (740124-181).

Respectfully submitted,



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